

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-37 are currently pending in the subject application. Claims 1, 8, 12, 14, 18, 21, 24-30 have been amended as shown on pp. 2-8 of the Reply. Claims 31-37 are cancelled and claim 38-39 are newly added as shown on pp. 2-8 of the Reply.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Objection to Claims 8, 12, 14, 18, 21, and 24

Claims 8, 12, 14, 18, 21, and 24 stand objected to because of informalities. Claims 8, 12, 14, 18, 21, and 24 are amended in line with the recommendations cited in the Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully submitted.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-37 Under 35 U.S.C §112

Claims 1-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 14, 18, and 24 have been amended to overcome deficiency related to this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully submitted. Claims 31-34 and 37 are rejected and therefore their rejection should be removed.

III. Rejection of Claim 14 Under 35 U.S.C §112

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 14 has been amended to overcome deficiency related to this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully submitted.

IV. Rejection of Claims 24-30 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 24-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed innovation is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 24-30 have been amended to overcome deficiency related to this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully submitted.

V. Rejection of Claims 1-7, 12, 14-18, 21-22, 24-29, 31-34, and 37 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-7, 12, 14-18, 21-22, 24-29, 31-34, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fry *et al.* (US 2003/0163603 A1) in view of White *et al.* (US 7,370,335 B1). Claims 31-34 and 37 are rejected and therefore their rejection should be removed. Claims 1-7, 12, 14-18, 21-22 and 24-29 are amended (either as claims or a claim upon which they depend) to overcome the rejection and thus the rejection should be removed.

VI. Rejection of Claims 8-11, 19-20, 23, 30, and 35-36 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 8-11, 19-20, 23, 30, and 35-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fry *et al.* (US 2003/0163603 A1) in view of White *et al.* (US 7,370,335 B1), and further in view of Evans (US 2003/0159030 A1). Claims 35-36 are rejected and therefore their rejection should be removed. Claims 8-11, 19-20, and 23 are amended (either as claims or a claim upon which they depend) to overcome the rejection and thus the rejection should be removed.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP551US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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